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INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING THE

Information required by a resolution of the House of Representatives of 19th Dec. 1826,

IN RELATION TO THE

WORKS OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT

WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN OR PROJECTED BY

THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT,

FROM THE YEAR 1824 TO THE YEAR 1826, INCLUSIVE, &c.

MARCH 4, 1828.

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## WAR DEPARTMENT, March 3, 1828.

SIR : In obedience to the directions of the President of the United States, and in conformity with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of December 19th, 1826, I have the honor of submitting a statement of the different works of "internal improvement, comprising routes for roads and canals; attempts to improve the navigation of rivers, lakes, creeks, and bays; and to protect coasts and islands; that have been undertaken or projected by the Federal Government, within the different States and Territories, from the year 1824 to 1826, inclusive, so as to show how many works, and of what kinds, have been undertaken or projected in each State and Territory, within that time; the amount intended or deemed necessary to be expended in the execution of each work; and the time which each will probably require for its completion."

The cause of the delay in furnishing this statement is explained in the accompanying communication from the Chief Engineer.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES BARBOUR.

Hon. ANDREW STEVENSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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ENGINEER DEPARTMENT, March 3, 1828.

SIR : I have the honor to present herewith a statement, exhibiting the number and designation of the different works of internal improvement, comprising routes for roads and canals; attempts to improve the navigation of rivers, lakes, creeks, and bays; and to protect coasts and islands that have been undertaken or projected by the Federal Government, within the different States and Territories, from the year 1824 to the year 1826, inclusive : shewing, also, the amount intended or deemed necessary to be expended in the execution of each work ; and the time which each work will probably require for its completion, from the commencement of the year 1827 ; prepared in pursuance of your instructions, in conformity with a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 19th of December, 1826, calling for the same.

This statement was prepared during the last session of Congress, but, owing to the difficulty of obtaining sufficient data wherewith to make it, and the numerous calls made on the Department for information, during the session, it was not completed until the last day of the session, too late to be presented to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. It was returned to this office from the War Department, with the intention of its being transmitted to Congress at the opening of the present Session, and, from the pressure of business in this Department, has been overlooked, until the introduction, by the Hon. Mr. Wickliffe, of a resolution a few days ago, with a view to ascertain the reason why the resolution of the House of the 19th of December, 1826, had not been complied with.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ALEX. MACOMB,  
*Maj. Gen. Chief Engineer.*

HON. JAMES BARBOUR,  
*Secretary of War.*





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